



**SUMMARIZED MINUTES
SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE**

Public Meeting
Friday, April 28, 2006
City Hall Kiva Conference Room
3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd.
Scottsdale AZ 85251

CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Subcommittee meeting was called to order on Friday, April 28, 2006 at 2:11 PM in the Kiva Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

Subcommittee: Councilman Robert Littlefield, Chairman
Councilmember Betty Drake
Vice Mayor Ron McCullagh

Staff: Jan Dolan, Neal Shearer, Craig Clifford, Art Rullo, Brent Stockwell

APPROVAL OF MARCH 31, APRIL 7, 13, AND 19, 2006 MINUTES

COUNCILMEMBER DRAKE MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 31, APRIL 7, 13, AND 19, 2006. VICE MAYOR MCCULLAGH SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Heath, 8608 E. Gail Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85260, spoke in support of the City Parks Department taking over the maintenance of School District ballfields, as well as the addition of one or two staff to accomplish the maintenance.

Glenn Gerston, 8396 E. Turquoise, Scottsdale AZ, 85255, added his support of City maintenance of ballfields, and spoke of the difficulties the School District has with staffing and proper equipment.

Mark Soden, 9641 E. Clydesdale Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, discussed the budget constraints of the School District and how much they would appreciate if the City could take over the ballfield maintenance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Discuss and approve Subcommittee recommendations to the full City Council for the FY 2006/07 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

Members of the Budget Subcommittee reviewed the listing of possible policy issue decisions raised in previous meetings. Chairman Littlefield also noted that many of these budget items are in jeopardy if Proposition 402 fails on May 16.

- **Youth Sports Field Maintenance – School District - \$508,002** – The Subcommittee discussed expanding the youth sports field maintenance program to provide daily maintenance at ten sites. Ms. Dolan reviewed issues of access to the fields and timing constraints, and Mr. Clifford pointed out this operating item would increase the City's risk and liability exposure. Councilmember Drake said she is inclined to give this program a two-year trial. It was noted that any changes to the maintenance program would need to be with the school district's permission. Subcommittee Members Littlefield and Drake supported moving this item forward to the full Council.
- **Downtown Marketing - \$228,090** - Councilmember Drake expressed support of this operating budget item until an overall downtown plan and strategy is in place, and a weaning process has taken place. Vice Mayor McCullagh opposed this funding as it would be shifting the financial burden from downtown merchants to the taxpayers. However, he would support providing half of what they received last year (\$188,000) as part of the weaning process. Further discussion was held regarding the possibility of Downtown receiving funding through the CVB or TDC. Subcommittee members Littlefield and Drake supported moving the proposal developed by downtown stakeholders forward to the full Council.
- **Healthcare Funding - \$0 to \$2.5M** – After a brief discussion and explanation by staff, the Subcommittee supported adding \$1.3 million to the budget to fully fund the self-insurance fund to pay for the benefit program approved by the City Council. Subcommittee Members supported moving this item forward to the full Council.
- **Tourism Development Commission Allocation** - The Subcommittee discussed but made no recommendation regarding funding requests for community events from the 80% of bed tax allocated by the Tourism Development Commission, rather than from the City's General Fund portion of the bed tax.
- **DC Ranch Tennis Courts** - The Subcommittee supported moving this Bond 2000 funded capital project into year five of the capital improvement plan. Subcommittee Members supported moving this item forward to the full Council.
- **Trails Master Plan Support** - The Subcommittee discussed but did not make a recommendation on a request for additional staffing for the Trails Master Plan.

The following budget decisions were deferred to the next meeting in order to receive more information or to do further study:

- **Cultural Council Requests (Operating \$418,207 and Capital \$119,725)** - The Cultural Council's final proposed budget was just received and had not yet been reviewed.
- **Villa Monterey Golf Course - \$3.5M – with annual operating impact of \$169,528** - Discussion was held about possibly including funding in the budget as a place-holder in the event that a current offer from an unknown purchaser falls through. Funds would provide for acquisition and capital improvements to the property.

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- **TPC Desert Golf Course & Clubhouse Renovation - \$10M** - Staff is still awaiting the amount to be negotiated for contributions by the PGA to a separate fund for any unanticipated needs that arise in the future. In addition, staff will research regional data regarding the number of rounds of golf played at other courses, and provide additional information to the Subcommittee.
- **Helicopter** - A suggestion was made to move this budget item out another year, to continue to evaluate needs, and make a final determination next year after examining more data.

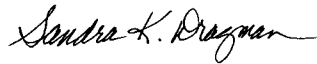
2. Discuss meeting schedule and set additional meeting dates, if needed.

The next meeting was tentatively set for Thursday, May 4, 2006, at 2:00 PM to finalize the report of Subcommittee Recommendations for the full Council.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:



Sandy Dragman
Recording Secretary